

September 22, 2025

RE: CoC Y Host Homes – FY 23 Stipend Increase

Host Home Subrecipients,

The Regional Task Force on Homelessness (RTFH) has updated the Host Homes stipend policy to increase stipend costs. The changes to the stipend are below:

- Host Home families are eligible to receive up to \$500 stipend per month. The stipend payments are used to care for the youth temporarily staying with them. This stipend can cover any costs to maintain the home (including utility bills, propane, etc.) and does not need to be designated to eligible HUD CFR costs (i.e. food and transportation).
- Additionally, hosts may receive payments up to \$500 for food or transportation. There will not be a required allocation for how the food and transportation will be spent.
- Total eligible stipend costs paid to hosts is up to \$1,000 per month.

This stipend change is **effective as of December 1, 2024**, therefore, subrecipients are highly encouraged to review the changes and retroactively pay hosts a lump sum payment to cover the difference of increased allocation for the months of December 1, 2024 to August 30, 2025.

These changes are intended to strengthen recruitment and retention of Host Homes and to assist with the higher living wages in San Diego. Hosts and subrecipients are still required to maintain and submit appropriate documentation for reimbursement.

RTFH supports the critical work of your organization in providing persons who are currently experiencing homelessness with wrap-around services to focus on permanent housing and long-term stability. We look forward to our continued partnership with you and in making homelessness in San Diego rare, brief, and non-recurring.

If you have any questions or need any assistance, please feel free to contact the Grants & Contracts Team at grants@rtfhdsd.org.

Thank you,



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